

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISARIAT),
ARE NOW LANDING
FROM AMERICA.

**CALIFORNIA
RACKER**
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.
Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
CORNMEAL.

TOPOCAN BUTTER.
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.
COPFISH, Boneless.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
Family BEEF in 25 lb tins.
Beef Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 2 1/2 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
MEAT.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.
Assorted PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.
Richardson & Robinson's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.
Lamb's TONGUES.
Olean CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.
Dried APPLES.
TOMATOES.
SUCCOTASH.
Maple SYRUP.
Golden SYRUP.
LOBSTERS.
OYSTERS.
HONEY.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.
500 lb. " "
900 lb. " "
1,200 lb. " "

AGATE IRON WARE.
INSERTION RUBBER.
TUCK'S PATENT PACKING.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMPS.
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMPS.
LAWN BOWLS.

PNEUMATIC RIFLES.
REVOLVERS.
DERINGERS.

PAINTS and OILS.
TALLOW and TAR.
VARNISHES.

Ex late Arrivals from
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
STONES,
including:

ALMONDS and RAISINS.
FRUIT PLUMS.
TEXAS'S DESSERT FRUITS.
JORDON ALMONDS.

FINE YORK HAMS.
PICKED TONGUES.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

Digby CHICKS.
Yarmouth BLOATERS.
Kipper HERRINGS.
Horrings a la SARDINES.

IRISH BACON in tins.
COCAONUTS.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
ESPRESSO COCOA.

SPARTAN
COOKING STOVES.

OLARETS—
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.
1855 GRAVES.
BREAKFAST CLARET.

SHERRIES—
SACON'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.
SACON'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1 and 3 star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
COGNAC, VERY OLD.
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
BOON'S OLD TOM.
E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDON.
NOLLY PRAC & Co.'s VERMOUTH.
JAMESON'S WHISKY.
MARSALA.
BARTON'S OLD.
CHARTREUSE.
MARASCHINO.
CURAÇAO.
ANGOSTURA, BOTTLED and ORANGE
BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.
DEAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

SPECIAL SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 catty boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
BOXES, OASH and PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.
Hongkong, June 14, 1884.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship
Volga.

Commandant LAPORTE,
will be despatched for
SHANGHAI TO-MORROW, the 24th
Instant, at 6 a.m.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, July 23, 1884. 1218

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship
Volga.

Commandant LAPORTE,
will be despatched for
YOKOHAMA TO-MORROW, the 24th
Instant, at 2 p.m.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, July 23, 1884. 1219

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship
Nanhai.

Captain PITMAN, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 27th Instant, at
9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, July 23, 1884. 1222

A RETIRED MILITARY OFFICER,

of high rank, who speaks French,
English, and Chinese fluently, is prepared
to take up the CHINESE AGENCY of any
respectable Manufacturing Firm for the
sale of all kinds of MACHINERY, SHIPS, and
WEAPONS of WAR.

Address, 'W. K.,
care of OFFICE of THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, July 23, 1884. 1223

STEAMSHIP NATAL.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
Ganga, from London, in con-
nection with the above Steamer, are
hereby informed that their Goods—with
the exception of Opium, Treasure and
Valuables—are being landed and stored at
their risk at the Company's Godowns,
whence delivery may be obtained im-
mediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees before 2 o'clock To-day (Wednes-
day), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Fri-
day, the 1st August, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges at 1
cent per package per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me before
the 2nd August or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, July 23, 1884. 1226

To-day's Advertisements.

CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 13.

BARRENS AND BRIDGE IN CAMBRIDGE AND
COLLINSON REACHES.

THE PASSENGER left for Traffic in the
BARRENS and BRIDGE IN CAMBRIDGE
and COLLINSON REACHES (see Local Notice
to Mariners No. 11), have at present a Red
Light on the starboard hand and a Green
Light on the port hand, entering from the
sea.

The Construction of another BARRENS
in COLLINSON REACH between No. 3 Flat
Island and the south Bank of the River, is
in progress.

C. H. PALMER,
Harbour Master.

Approved: F. E. WOODRUFF,
Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House,
Canton, 22nd July, 1884. 1217

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from the Mortgagee to Sell by
Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,
the 25th July, 1884, at 2 p.m., at No. 3,
Hollywood Road,—

THE PRINTING PRESSES,
TYPES AND STANDS,
&c., &c.,

belonging to the
'INTERNATIONAL PRINTING OFFICE.'

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 23, 1884. 1225

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from the ADMINISTRATOR of the
Estate of C. V. MARQUEZ, Esq., to Sell by
Public Auction, at No. 13, Old Bailey
Street,—

THE WHOLE OF THE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
comprising:—

CHROME-COVERED WALNUT-WOOD DRAW-
ING-ROOM SUITE, SPRING BOTTOM SEARS and
CHAIRS, CHINA EMERALD COFFER, RUBY
CHAIR, MARBLE-TOP CENTRE TABLE,
MIRRORED CHANDELIERS, LITROGRAPHES,
STATUE TYPES, MARBLE CLOCKS, BRONZE CAN-
DELABRA.

ELEGANT ALBUM with COLOURED OIL
PAINTING of a JAPANESE ROYAL FAMILY,
TWO of JAPANESE DAMASK CHAIRS, BRASS
PULPS, &c., &c.

VERY FINE JAPANESE CURIO in Lac-
quered STANDS, MAHOAGANY DINING TABLE,
SIDEBOARD with PLATE GLASS FRONT,
CLOCK and GLASS WARE, CANT TABLES,
&c., &c.

IRON DOUBLE BEDSTEAD, WARDROBES,
GLASS, &c., &c.

COOKING RANGES, FLOWER POTS,
&c., &c.

And
A VERY FINE COTTAGE PIANO,
almost new, by FLETCHER.

2nd Sale to Commence at 2 p.m. on
SATURDAY,
the 26th July, 1884.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

E. C. DA SILVA & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, July 23, 1884. 1224

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination. Vessels. Captain. Agents. Date of Leaving.

Australian Ports. Johani (s). T. M. Irvine. Arnold, Karberg & Co. August 1, at 4 p.m.

Batavia, &c., via Saigon. Gouv. General s/Jacob (s). Resouling. Jardine, Matheson & Co. about July 24.

Bombay, via Straits. Kashgar (s). Douglas Laing & Co. quick despatch. July 26, at 3 p.m.

Cape Town, &c., via Singapore. Kamett (s). Billing. Butterfield & Swire. July 26.

London, via Suez Canal. Glencoe (s). Park. Jardine, Matheson & Co. about July 26.

London, &c., via Suez Canal. Ganges (s). W. B. Andrews. P. & O. S. N. Co. July 31, at 4 p.m.

London, via Suez Canal. Glenlyon (s). MacIntosh. Russell & Co. about August 1.

Manila, via Amoy. Emerald (s). Hutchins. Russell & Co. July 24, at 5 p.m.

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U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND THROUGH
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
TOKYO will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY,
the 25th August, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers
and Freight for Japan, the United States,
and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (for vice versa),
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full, value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to ports beyond San Francisco
should be sent to the Company's Office in
San Francisco, addressed to the Collector
of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 23, 1884. 1221

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessel, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ANNA SEBASTIAN, German barque, Captain
Pausen.—Widder & Co.

C. T. HONG, British steamer, Captain W.
Jarvis.—T. Howard & Co.

EC CAPTAIN, American ship, Capt. J. E.
Sowall.—Captain.

K. C. SEBASTIAN, German barque, Capt.
Hold.—Widder & Co.

GENERAL DOWLING, British ship, Capt.
C. W. Stanton.—Captain.

CLYDE G. Goss, American barque, Capt. J.
Freeman.—Captain.

JANE MARIA, British barque, Capt. J. O.
Griffiths.—Widder & Co.

MACDONALD, British ship, Captain J. F.
Hind.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

MADRAS, British steamer, Captain H.
Plonger.—Order.

MATILDA, American ship, Captain J. G.
Merrymann.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PANDORA, Austro-Hungarian ship, Capt.
G. Sturli.—Melchers & Co.

SACRAMENTO, American barque, Captain
Win. Evans.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

VERY FINE AUSTRALIAN, British barque, Capt.
James Thomas.—Gillman & Co.

WILLOW, American barque, Captain
Chas. A. Sawyer.—Melchers & Co.

WILHELM HOEYER, Ger. barque, Capt.
W. Holte.—Stamson & Co.

W. PHILLIPS, Amer. barquentine, Capt.
John H. Potter.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Y. H. POTTER.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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THE Tientsin correspondent of the Shanghai Mercury says:—A German firm from Shanghai, the head of which is now here, has offered His Ex. Li Hing-chang a loan against building railroads in China, at six per cent.

THE N. C. D. News of the 19th July says that the commanders of the foreign mercenary forces in port have been holding meetings almost under the doghouse of Commodore Acinelli of the *Grifone*, to discuss the measures for the defence of the Settlements in case of hostilities breaking out between France and China. Should the services of the navy be called into requisition, we believe Commodore Acinelli would be in command.

A TELEGRAM in the *Shen Pao* of July 18th says that the Tsung-tai Yaméti has circulated requests to the Foreign Legations at Peking to assist in arbitrating between France and China. Reports among the Chinese are to the effect that the Tsung-tai has been ordered to the French intend to occupy Kowloon in Formosa, as a cooling station; to seize the Woosung forts, with a view to annexing the China Merchants' steamers; to hold Chiaoan, as a rendezvous for their naval forces, and to cut off as much as possible all communications between northern and southern China.

Owing to the unsatisfactory news that was received on Wednesday (July 18th) the managers of the C.M.S.N. Co. decided to send the Company's boats to places of safety. The *Panah* and *Huashin* were ordered to Nagasaki, the *Fushin*, *Kuang-shan* and *Ping-shan* to Hongkong, and the *Kuei-shan* to Shanghai. Yesterday afternoon (July 17th) more favourable news was received, and the *Panah* will consequently proceed to Tientsin and the *Huashin* to Foochow. The departure of the *Fushin* has been postponed. It appears that the Company have not advised their steamers as the Chinese are afraid at present to ship cargo.—N. C. D. News.

PEKING, 16th July.—Certain Censors have memorialised against the recommendation by Tso Tsung-tang of the Marquis Tsing Chai-tai, on the ground that His Excellency's rank and merits are a matter of common knowledge. The Emperor, in an Imperial Decree, overrules this objection, deciding that the Marquis's well-known qualities form no bar whatever to his being recommended to the Throne for approval. An Imperial Decree has been issued commending the members of the Huiin Yüan to compose Fifty Sonnets in honour of the fiftieth birthday of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor Dowager, which occurs during the present year.—N. C. D. News.

WILLIAMS case was being tried in the new Law Courts before Mr. Justice A. L. Smith and a common jury the Court adjourned for lunch. When the jurors and counsel had re-assembled, their attention was attracted by the appearance of Mr. Justice Stephen, whose Court had adjourned for lunch, entered the Court, took his seat on the bench, and was apparently about to resume the trial of an action which had been begun by Mr. Justice A. L. Smith. Mr. McIntyre, Q.C., evidently somewhat embarrassed at having to open the case for a defendant before a judge who had just adjourned the case for lunch, ventured to ask whether, amid the intricacies of the new building, his Lordship had not lost his way and come into the wrong Court. It appeared that this was so, and Mr. Justice Stephen retired amid some amusement.

The following paragraph has been circulated here as an extract from a Melbourne daily paper. We have no doubt that the paragraph did appear in an Australian contemporary, but surely it deals more with fiction than with fact. At any rate, this is the first we have heard of the new line of Spanish mail steamers which is to trade between the Philippines and the Australian colonies. The *Delphinus* was to be one of the fleet of the new Philippine Steam Navigation Company, whose prospectus was advertised in April last in the Hongkong papers, with Messrs Birchall, Robinson and Co. of Manila as General Managers. The prospectus did not state the route it was proposed the steamers of the Company should take (a rather singular omission) and it may be that the Company has taken Australia as a basis for its operations:—

A Spanish steamer, the *Delphinus*, passed Wilson's Promontory at 1.10 p.m. yesterday, and consequently should arrive in the Bay early this morning. The *Delphinus* is the first of a line of vessels which are to carry on a three-monthly service which Birchall, Robinson & Co. of Manila, who are large shipowners at that place, intend to establish between the Philippines and the Australian colonies. The firm is aided by a subsidy from the Spanish Government, so the vessels of the line will consequently rank as Mail Steamers. Senior F. Williams has been sent on in the *Delphinus* to establish Agencies at the different ports with the object of securing deposits for the sale of Manila produce, such as hemp, coffee, cigars, sugar &c., of which, Birchall, Robinson & Co. are large producers. It is said that their estates supply the finest hemp in the world, and as the vessels are in the Bay early this morning, the *Delphinus* will make a revolution in the market. In addition, the firm has the control of the whole of the famous Manila cigar trade, and as many other commodities are produced by the firm it is to be expected that the *Delphinus* will be very beneficial to the colonies. In all, there will be nine large steamers on the line, and amongst these, the *Delphinus*, a new vessel, now on her way from England to Manila. Capt. Rodriguez is the Commander of the *Delphinus*, a description of which will appear in to-morrow's issue.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary meeting of the shareholders in this Company was held at the offices of the General Agents (Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.) today. There were present:—The Hon. W. Kewick (Chairman); the Hon. F. D. Sassoon; Messrs E. R. Bellis; W. K. Hughes; A. M. Tver; A. G. Cohen; N. J. Buz; G. S. Cox; A. G. Stokes; W. M. Morgan; and J. G. T. Hassell.

The notice calling the meeting having been read by Mr. Hassell.

The Chairman said:—You are aware, gentlemen, that this meeting is simply of a formal character. It is being called to confirm the resolution which was passed at our last meeting. The resolution is:—That at the end of No. 121 of the Articles of Association, there be added the following words:—that is to say:—

"Provided always that the General Agents and Consulting Committee may at any time or times exercise their discretion as to the amount of dividend to be paid to the shareholders in the form of a dividend of such amount as they shall think fit."

I beg to move that this resolution be confirmed.

Mr. A. G. Stokes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved of.

The Chairman said:—The dividend warrants will be issued on the 4th August, payable at once, at 84 per share, or 4 per cent., as mentioned at last meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Mr. MacLean read the notice calling the meeting, when

The Chairman said:—This meeting, gentlemen, is to confirm a resolution that was passed at an extraordinary meeting held on the 8th July. The resolution is:—That at the end of No. 117 of the Articles of Association, there be added the following words:—Provided always that the General Agents and Consulting Committee may at any time or times exercise their discretion as to the amount of dividend to be paid to the shareholders in the form of a dividend of such amount as they shall think fit.

Mr. Morgan seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then said:—The effect of the passing of this resolution is that the General Agents and Consulting Committee are in the position at any time that the revenue of the Company will permit of it to declare a dividend. As mentioned at our last meeting there will be a dividend paid for the half year up to the 30th June. On the 4th August the dividend warrants for that period will be issued.

The meeting then adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE 'SUNBEAM' RAFFLE.

To the Editor of the "China Mail,"

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1884.

SIR,—Through some misapprehension it appeared in the *China Mail* and also in one or more of the Shanghai papers that Captain B. Popp was the winner of Mr. Lang's raffle. I am sorry to hear that the *China Mail* has been misled in this respect. I am sorry to hear that the *China Mail* has been misled in this respect. I am sorry to hear that the *China Mail* has been misled in this respect.

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Captain Popp, whom I had a slight acquaintance with while in Hongkong, left about January, and I have not since seen him. I am sorry to hear that the *China Mail* has been misled in this respect. I am sorry to hear that the *China Mail* has been misled in this respect. I am sorry to hear that the *China Mail* has been misled in this respect.

Trusting this explanation will set all doubts at rest on the matter.—Yours truly,

THOS. GLASS.

Police Intelligence.

(Before A. G. W. Ho, Esq.)

Wednesday, July 23.

LARCENY.

Wong Ping Kong, a boatwoman, was charged with stealing a silk jacket, an umbrella, and some fruit, altogether worth \$3.50, the property of a man called, named Lee Lik, on the 22nd inst. Complainant arrived by the Canton boat yesterday at 4 p.m. and called a boat to go ashore. The defendant came and complainant handed her his bundle and an umbrella; then the boat moved away. Complainant got another boat and went ashore and got a constable to search defendant's boat. The umbrella was found on board but not the bundle.

The defendant was sent to goal for seven days' hard labour.

KEEPING AN UNLICENSED BROTHEL.

Shun Ai, a married woman, was convicted of keeping an unlicensed brothel at No. 7, Aberdeen Street, on the 22nd inst. and was fined \$25, or one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

(Before E. Mackinnon, Esq.)

LARCENY.

Pang Afo, a coolie, was convicted of stealing a jacket worth 30 cents, the property of Wong A. Ng, a married woman, on the 22nd inst. A previous conviction for larceny from the person was proved against defendant, and he was now sentenced to three months' hard labour.

A DANKESTON CHARACTER.

Van Anan, coolie, was charged with being found on the staircase of No. 77 Third Street, for an unlawful purpose, and with wounding one Kwan Afo, a boarding house runner, with a knife at the same time and place, on the 22nd inst.

Complainant's evidence was to the effect that about 8 p.m. on the 22nd he returned to his house No. 77, Third Street, and on entering found defendant on the staircase at the back of the door. Complainant

questioned him as to who he was. Defendant then stabbed him with some article of furniture and ran away, but was caught by a constable.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

ASSAULT.

Christian Christian, an unemployed seaman, was fined \$2, or, in default, seven days' hard labour, for assaulting one Leung Fok San in East Street on the 22nd inst.

WAR'S ALARMS.

The mail, which arrived late yesterday evening from Shanghai, brings the following news of the political situation:—

(From the N. C. D. News, July 17th.)

Events of a serious and unexpected nature have occurred at Peking, and the situation is most critical. It is understood that the Empress has refused to pay the indemnity, and we are not in a position to speak definitely at present. It is sufficient to state that an almost immediate declaration of hostilities is considered inevitable.

The departure of C.M.S.N. Co.'s steamers for the north has been suspended, owing to the receipt of advice which are considered alarming. The Victory of Chihli has ordered the *Chihling* to proceed to Chinkiang to load rice for expected contingencies. It is believed, further, that the private telegrams received from the north have been delayed, several messages having been sent from here to which no answers have been received.

(From N. C. D. News, July 18th.)

Rapid changes have taken place in Peking during the last eight-and-forty hours. At a council of Imperial and military officials at the Palace on the 17th inst., it was solemnly decided to refuse the French demand for an indemnity in toto, and a despatch was sent to the French Chargé d'Affaires, couched in terms Chinese at the time the writers of this article were in Peking. The Chinese soldiers in Annam had not infringed property; pointed out that both French and Chinese troops had suffered in the engagement; and suggested that M. Patenôtre should be requested to come to Peking as a negotiator. This is an open secret, that the Government decided at the meeting on submitting the dispute to arms.

This created much excitement, and it is understood that a furious contest arose between the Grand Secretaries Li and Tso, one of whom affirming that the rival Chang-tung had actually taken the field against each other. The situation culminated in a coup d'état, and telegrams said to have been received yesterday morning stating that more than one hundred lives had been sacrificed in the fighting. In the afternoon, however, further despatches came to hand announcing that the basis of a pacific settlement had been arrived at, and prospects at the present moment are decidedly in favour of peace.

Tientsin, 17th July, 4 p.m.

Demand for indemnity has been rejected. There is no hope of a peaceful settlement. The Chinese Government is making active preparations for war.

* * * We can only suppose that when the above telegram was received, that the news that since reached Shanghai from Peking was not known in Tientsin.—En. N. C. D. News.

Foochow, July 17th.

Admiral Courbet is here, and Formosa is threatened.

* * * It appears that Admiral Courbet went north from Woosung, as reported, and then turned southward.—En. N. C. D. News.

(From N. C. D. News, July 19th.)

An Imperial Decree has been issued to the following effect:—Some time ago, we received a Memorial from Li Hing-chang stating that during the 4th moon he had, in consultation with Captain Popp, agreed to an abridged Convention, the 5th Article of which provided that detailed negotiations should be held [between the contracting parties] after the expiry of three months from that time. This period is now drawing to completion, and in accordance with the 2nd Article of the Convention it is necessary that all garrisons should be withdrawn from Northern Annam to within the confines of the Empire. We therefore command T'ien Yü-yin and Pan Tsing-shan to retire all the battalions on garrisons at Peking and Lang-shan, and to return to the Yangtze; and the evacuation must be fully completed within a month, in order that our perfect sincerity may be displayed.

* * * Perhaps it was the issue of this Decree that created the panic disorder which seems to have come so suddenly.—En. N. C. D. News.

Advices received yesterday were of a less favourable nature, no progress apparently having been made towards a settlement of the dispute. When telegrams were despatched, war seemed probable.

According to telegraphic advices, the Arsenal at Pégoda Anlongh is threatened and Europeans are making preparations to leave.

It may be of interest to state, on what we believe to be good authority, that the principal grounds on which the Chinese Government does not consider itself justified in conceding the demands of France as regards an indemnity for the attack near Lang-shan. These are said to be as follows:—

First,—that the accounts which have reached Peking of the affair itself are unsatisfactory and conflicting, and require to be sifted and reconciled. A joint commission to investigate the whole affair might therefore probably be considered as necessary before any just and reliable view of the case can be arrived at; though this suggestion has not been made officially.

Secondly,—that, according to the Preliminary Convention, the Chinese troops were only to be withdrawn from Northern Annam on the receipt of what the French text of the Convention calls *garanties formelles de bon voisinage*; and these, says the Chinese, have not reached them. It is clear that the words *good neighbours* are here over-looked.

Thirdly,—that the French have broken the 4th Article of the Preliminary Convention. This runs as follows:—

"Le Gouvernement Français s'engage à employer aucune expression de nature à porter atteinte au prestige de l'Empire chinois, et à ne pas se livrer à aucune manifestation de mépris ou de méconnaissance de l'Annam, et qu'il n'abandonne les troupes françaises relatives au Tonkin."

It is claimed by the Chinese that the treaty of Hue, recently concluded by M. Patenôtre, does contain expressions detrimental to the prestige of China; and that the French are based upon the text of the Treaty itself, which is said to have been transmitted by wire to Peking immediately upon its conclusion. Such, as we believe, is the chief point raised by the Government, and whatever they may be worth it is at least clear that they should be known.—N. C. D. News.

THE IMPERIAL CHINESE TELEGRAPH ADMINISTRATION.

Has been exceedingly busy at Shanghai in the transmission of Chinese government telegrams to and from Tientsin, Nanjing,

Shanghai, Ningpo, Hangchow, Foochow, Canton, and Lungchow (Kwangtung). The clerks being hard at work day and night, and the presentation of the French ultimatum. Numerous French government telegrams have also passed through the lines of the Administration, during the last seven days, and Admiral Leaper himself was at the offices of the Telegraph Administration last evening (July 16th) transmitting a telegraphic message to Admiral Courbet who is at present at Foochow. To give an idea of the immense number of words transmitted by the Administration on behalf of the Chinese government, there were sent within the last 48 hours over one hundred thousand words through the Shanghai office alone. Private telegrams are therefore necessarily delayed unless sent as urgent, when the charge is treble the usual amount.

THE KIANGNAN ARSENAL.

All the baggage and valuables of the managers of the Kiangnan Arsenal, to say nothing of the subordinate officials, have been removed to the Settlements in anticipation of hostilities, when it is expected that the Arsenal will endeavor to seize the Arsenal and Powder Works. The Chinese troops garrisoning the vicinity have been served with a "war supply" of ammunition and every preparation is being made to resist the French.

On good authority that the mandarin at the Kiangnan Arsenal have advised the foreign employees to move all their valuables into the Settlement. The foreign employees, under their agreements with the Chinese, and with any country except their own. The wives and families of many of the Chinese officials at the Arsenal have left and taken up quarters in the Settlement.

THE WOOSUNG FORTS.

They are at present within the Woosung Forts five batteries, or 2.5 0 men. Drilling goes on every day commencing at six a.m., and all the men are armed with breech-loaders. Strict orders have been given by Tso, the General commanding, that no one is to be allowed to enter or leave the forts after 8 o'clock p.m. The two Chinese war-junks seem to be the only marine protectors of the Forts. The latter are each armed with six guns and manned by 40 Cantonese.

PARADE OF CHINESE TROOPS.

Two thousand foreign drilled troops were exercised to-day just without the Little South Gate, and their evolutions displayed a creditable knowledge of their drill. All the commands were given in Chinese, which we believe is becoming universal in the Chinese Army, and the troops to our knowledge being the army of Kansuh, where a sort of pidgin English words of command are still in vogue. All the city magistrates were present at the evolutions, and we believe some rewards for excellence in drill will be given by the Tso to the officers who have been so successful in passing, that a place called *Chin Mou Tien*, within the old north gate, is generally used on occasions of such parades; but we suppose that place being too near the settlements, and likely to attract the attention of the French, has been the cause of the parade in an opposite direction, where a foreigner is rarely seen.

THE FRENCH ADMIRALS.

Admiral Courbet is now at Foochow. Admiral Lapes has had an interview with M. Patenôtre at the Hotel des Colonies yesterday (July 17th) and then rejoined the *Grifone* at Woosung. The vessel was expected to leave as soon as the tide was favourable for Foochow, Admiral Courbet meeting Admiral Lapes at Matsou. This looks as if the French have an eye on Formosa as a material guarantee.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE WOOSUNG FORTS.

The troops that were paraded yesterday (July 17th) outside the Little South Gate, are ordered to march at once for Woosung. This will bring the number garrisoning the Forts to some 5,000 men.—*Shanghai Courier*.

FOOCHOW.

(From our Correspondent.)

Foochow, July 16th.

Affaires de guerre at Foochow are up to the present in suspense, and the fact of French invasion is alarming the Chinese beyond measure. The news of the contemplated visit of a fleet of nine French men-of-war to occupy this port as a guarantee for the payment of the indemnity, soon reached Foochow, and the city and its environs almost immediately assumed a panic-stricken appearance, business being partially suspended, shops closed to business, and barriers erected at intervals along the principal thoroughfares, as though the natives were in expectation of momentary invasion.

In fact, since Foochow has been a treaty port, we are assured by the Chinese that never has its extensive city presented such a scene of wild excitement, unless perhaps during the Wu Shi Shan riots, which, however, were chiefly confined to one locality; whereas the present alarm is as general as the abusive epithets to be heard outside the Settlement expressed against foreigners as a whole, without regard to nationality.

One out of the expected French fleet—the *crucier Hamet*, arrived at Pégoda Anlongh on Monday last, the 14th inst., in charge of Pilot Thomas, from Shanghai, and managed to go ashore on Spiteful Island, about four miles below the Custom House. E. B. M.'s gunboat *Merlin* at once went to her assistance, and eventually, though with considerable difficulty, and narrowly escaping grounding, succeeded in towing her off, when it was discovered that the *Hamet*'s damages were of so serious a character as to occasion alarm of the vessel sinking before reaching the dock. Boats, however, were procured from Foochow, and *Merlin*, at the mail close, that the vessel was kept aloft and was received to-day into Messrs John Forster & Co.'s extensive dock at Pégoda Anlongh, there to undergo repairs. The French corvette *Villars* is expected to arrive from Shanghai on Thursday next, the 17th inst., a Foochow Pilot having gone to the former port to bring her down. Whether the latter vessel will be allowed to enter the Anchorage is questionable, as two boats are lying at the Kimpai Pass laden with stones in readiness for sinking at a moment's notice, and the most powerful torpedoes have been lying in the river Muir for some months past, and only require the wires to be connected with the batteries to be ready for service. It is evident that affairs may assume a most

serious aspect at almost any moment, and although matters are at present in suspense, I shall forward you per next mail, a draft map of this ancient, and peculiarly interesting City, which has recently attracted so much attention.

Extensive contracts are now being given by the Chinese Authorities for fortifications of the most approved type, and I have had an opportunity of viewing several models of forts, &c., of rather eclectic design; the main feature, however, in them being the ready means of escape afforded.

Peking.

July 10th.

Anti-foreign influences are again paramount in this place, and ignorance and incertainty govern the Imperial councils. No solution of the difficulty is apparent, but the unconditional surrender of China to the heavy hand of France in the shape of an indemnity or territorial occupation. What foreign Powers can do to ameliorate the situation I am at a loss to see. It is out of everybody's hands now, and only China can save China. In fact one is almost tempted to ask oneself—what is the present incongruous state of affairs—a Government that cannot govern—it might not be best for all parties that matters should grow worse before they are better.

Sir Harry Lauder immediately for Tientsin, where he is to meet the Admiral.—N. C. D. News.

Tientsin.

July 11th.

The Victory is deeply concerned at the turn affairs have taken, and very anxious for the future. He disavows all complicity on the part of China in the Langson incident as far as he knows or is concerned; but he believed, and doubts this is the real truth, that the Yamen, inspired by Tso Tsung-tang, sent the order over Li's head and without either his knowledge or consent. What the upshot of the controversy will be I scarcely like to predict, but Li may be forced to know himself into the hands of the War Party, in which case I can see nothing but anarchy and possible ruin. The German and Russian representatives are mysteriously neutral; the American Minister is believed to be urging peace, and Sir Harry Parkes is absent, owing to fever, at the Hills, so that the negotiations will not have the assistance of his advice and daring mind.

Railways are not to be thought of until all this trouble is over.—N. C. D. News.

Nanking.

July 15th.

The *Nan Ch'iao* and *Nan Yu*, the two gunboats built in Germany by order of the late Viceroy Tso, have arrived and been examined by order of the present Viceroy K'ang and Li Hing-chang. The vessels complete will cost about a quarter of a million sterling. According to the *National*, as soon as the questions relating to Tong-king have been settled, M. Patenôtre will open negotiations with Korea for the purpose of arranging a political and commercial treaty with that country.

We believe that there is no foundation in the report which has been circulated to the effect that the command of the troops at Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, and Hong Kong would be placed under one general officer, who would have his headquarters and staff at Singapore. Were such a matter considered, it is not probable, for the small amount that would be annually saved, that it would be acted on, as the inconvenience that would be found in so extended a command could more than offset the small advantages that would accrue.

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NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Natal* arrived here early this morning, bringing London mails up to June 20th.

TELEGRAMS.

London, June 25.—The Under-Secretary of the Colonies, replying to a question in the House of Commons last evening, said that the 82nd Regiment and 337 men, consisting of drafts from the various regiments, and the same number of Tong-Kingese troops in Tong-King.

At the sitting of the Committee Admiral Popp's Minister of Marine, declared that it was necessary to maintain 5,000 French troops in Tong-King.

Mr. Justice Chitty yesterday afternoon (16th) made an order in Chambers appointing Mr. Thomas Abercrombie Walton, of the firm of Messrs Quilter, and Co., Hongkong-street, official liquidator of the Oriental Bank Corporation. We cannot but strongly condemn the course that has been taken of the sole appointment, without a committee. Allowing that Mr. Walton may have continued good health during the necessary time required for the liquidation, the proceedings will be more protected than if there was a committee having a technical experience of Eastern business to supervise and assist his work. Many matters that would otherwise have been settled immediately will be referred to the court, and with some extra expense in law charges. We consider that the creditors might justifiably have expected to receive all their claims in full—a prospect which by no means appears as certain now, while shareholders must expect to have to pay up the full value of their shares.

Another matter connected with the subject is the question of liquidator's charges, which should be definitely fixed by the Court. If the ordinary charges allowed to accountants are permitted, they will amount relatively to an immense sum. We think that the remuneration should be definitely fixed by the judge. Many of our readers may remember the very large sums of money that were charged and obtained for the liquidation of the Commercial Bank, and the instance should not be a warning to those whose interests are affected in the same manner. It is difficult to know why matters have been allowed to pass in this dilatory way, and we fear that many will subsequently regret their inaction at the present. The only hope now is that the new Oriental Bank (Limited) may soon be started, and may take the liquidator's work off his hands. We believe the formation of the board is being proceeded with, and that the prospectus will be issued about the commencement of next month. About £250,000 have been promised from the East, and some plans, it is expected, can be confidently relied on, being subscribed among the old shareholders in this country.

The late Paymaster Henry H. Wyatt, R.N., who has died at sea on his way home from China, will be remembered by many naval officers in connection with the New Zealand and Abyssinian Campaigns. As an assistant paymaster he was in the *Racepoint* during her commission on the Mediterranean Station, under the late Rear-Admiral Chamberlain; and he was afterwards, from August, 1883, to 1887, secretary to the late Commodore Sir William Wingham, in the

Madras, July 1.—The objection against St. Gatien at the Docks has been withdrawn.

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London, July 2.—Lord Carnarvon in the House of Lords last night, drew up his motion for proposing a vote of censure against the Government.

Paris, July 2.—Cholera is daily increasing. There have been three deaths at Aix. Cairo, July 2.—Major Grenfell is fortifying Wady-Hatta, and constructing a defence line of five miles, with a view to the destruction of the main force of the rebels, which extend as far as Korosko.

(London and China Express, June 20th.)

Latest Mail Advertisers.—Yokohama, via San Francisco, April 27.—Shanghai May 3. Foochow May 1. Hongkong May 8. The P. and O. mail, via Brindisi, with the advice dated as above, from China and the Straits Settlements, was delivered in London on the 16th inst., one day early. The advice from Japan was received at the San Francisco, on the 20th ult. The Messageries Maritimes steamer *Adriatic*, with the next inward mail, from Shanghai 10th, Hongkong 16th, Singapore 23rd May, reached Naples this day, and the mail will be in London on the 23rd inst., its due date.

The *Miso Maru*, a screw-steamer of 900 tons gross register, and carrying 1,000 passengers for the fleet at present being built for the Union Steam Navigation Company of Japan, under the superintendence of Admiral Lord and Captain A. R. Brown, has been launched from Sunderland Yard, Dumbarton. The *Miso Maru* is a fine ship, and will be a valuable addition to the fleet.

An action is being tried at Glasgow, in which Messrs S. M. Gillespie and Co., steamship owners, London, and Messrs James Howden and Co., shipbuilding contractors, Glasgow, for £7,000. It is alleged that the defendants undertook, in building the *Nan Shan* for the China Trade, to give her a carrying power of 1,300 tons, and that when the plaintiffs got the vessel her carrying power was only 1,530 tons. For the deficiency of 270 tons they claim £7,000 as compensation. A counter claim has been raised by the defendants for £700 as the balance of the contract price of the vessel, which the London company refused to pay.

Princess Yachima and suite arrived in London on the 17th inst. from Japan, via America, and are at present staying at the Japanese Legation. The Princess, who has been studying at the Naval College at Tokyo, will be permitted to enter the British Navy, and pass through the usual courses. We are glad to hear that His Highness has sustained no injury in consequence of the railway accident, but is unfortunately experiencing some inconvenience while crossing the American Continent.

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